

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20
ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m. in church
HOLY NAME CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:30 p.m.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21
RCIA: 7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22
YAHS CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:00 p.m.

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This Week's Spiritual Crib
December 19 - Lambs: Strive to bring some little lambs, meek and patient. Do not murmur or complain.
Prayer: Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like Yours.
December 20 - Shepherds: Invite the shepherds to pay homage to our newborn King. Imitate their watchfulness; stress in your speech and thoughts the idea that Christmas is important because Jesus will be born again in you.
Prayer: Jesus, teach me to love You above all things.
December 21 - The Key: Provide the stable with a key to keep out thieves. Exclude from your heart every sinful thought, every rash judgment.
Prayer: Dear Jesus, close my heart to all that hurts You.
December 22 - Angels: Invite the angels to adore God with you. Cheerfully obey the inspirations of your guardian angel and of your conscience.
Prayer: Holy Guardian Angel, never let me forget that you are with me always.
December 23 - St. Joseph: Accompany Saint Joseph from door to door. Learn from him silently and patiently to bear refusals and disappointments. Open wide your heart and beg him to enter with the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Prayer: Saint Joseph, help me to prepare for a worthy Christmas Communion.
December 24 - The Blessed Virgin: Go meet your Blessed Mother. Lead her to the manger of your heart and beg her to lay the Divine Infant in it. Shorten your chats and telephone conversations and spend more time today thinking of Jesus and Mary and Joseph.



Prayer: Come, dear Jesus, come; my heart belongs to You.

SERVER SCHEDULE		
Tues, 12/21	8:00 AM	Sophia Meyer Jagger Miller
Wed, 12/22	8:00 AM	Kylie Peck Cody Recker
Thurs, 12/23	7:30 PM	Blake Remlinger Bryce Remlinger
Fri, 12/24	4:00 PM	John Kaufman Mariah Kerner Ryan Klausing Carson Klausing Evan Klausing Grant Knapke
	8:00 PM	Katherine Krouse Allie Kuhlman Kyle Lammers
Sat, 12/25	9:00 AM	Jeret Landwehr Ethan Langhals Sean Maag
Sun, 12/26	8:00 AM	Drew Meyer Olivia Meyer EJ Miller
	11:00 AM	Malie Miller Adyson Miller Grace Niemeyer

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - Christmas
4:00: Kenzie Fortman, Bob Gerdeman, Janice Foppe
LECTOR: Deb Kahle
8:00: Phil & Sue Fuerst, Jane Kleman, Sue Gerdeman
LECTOR: Deb Schroeder
Ministers to Homebound: Herm & Rita Borgelt
11:00: Mark Kahle, Rachel Kahle, Erin Kerner
LECTOR: Erin Kerner
9:00: Mary Grote, Darlene Hanneman, Jim Hanneman
LECTOR: Jill Laudick

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - December 26
8:00: Mike Krouse, Becky Lucke, Darlene Miller
LECTOR: Mary Plescher
Ministers to Homebound: Dianna Kehres
11:00: Deb McIntyre, Peter Morrissey, Beth Nienberg
LECTOR: Jennifer Erhart

USHERS - Christmas
4:00: Team 4 **8:00:** Team 5 **11:00:** Team 7
9:00: Team 7

USHERS - December 26
8:00: Team 9 **11:00:** Team 6

Christmas Mass Times
December 24
4:00, 8:00 & 11:00 p.m. at Kalida
6:00 p.m. at Continental
December 25
9:00 a.m. at Kalida
10:30 a.m. at Continental

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH - KALIDA, OHIO - DECEMBER 19, 2021
Pastor: Fr. Mark Hoying, C.P.P.S. Deacon: Bob Klausing DRE: Connie Cleemput Youth Minister: Jill Zeller
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How is Your Spiritual Crib?
**PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR
THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD.**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone.

I set my alarm clock on Tuesday morning so that I would get up at 5:00 to see a predicted comet. I really enjoy celestial showings of God's bigness. Comets, shooting stars and eclipses always make me wonder about God's wonders. So, when I woke up on Tuesday morning to an overcast sky, I was disappointed. Not only did the clouds interrupt a good sleep, but I was counting on the comet to help me get into the Christmas spirit. But as I thought, the clouds did help me with my Advent meditation.

I started to think of all the things which cloud a good celebration of Christmas. I thought about how busy this season is and the cloud that busyness presents. How hard it is to wonder as I wander. If I am always on the go, my mind cannot truly wonder and take in God. I promised myself that I would take in a children's presentation of a Christmas program this year. Band instruments and recorders played Christmas songs. The sound was not always in perfect pitch or timing. But that first Christmas was not perfect either. The singers didn't always come in on time or sing with huge volume. But that first Christmas didn't seem to fit into the right time for a pregnant virgin. But I did see warm smiles on band parents' faces because they loved their children. I saw parents singing along with dancing Christmas trees. I imagined the face of Mary when she saw perfect love in an imperfect place. I saw how united we are to one another when we unite with hope. I wondered how God would unite Himself with us in hope and love through a child in an imperfect setting. The clouds of busyness dissipated as I saw something much deeper happening before my eyes as I took some time to see a children's Christmas program.

I thought about the clouds of presents that shadow the real present of Christmas: Jesus the Lord. And then I went to Continental Elementary to see presents collected for those in need in our area. I traveled with staff of St. Michael's to Lima to share collected gifts for real families. I had the opportunity to see beyond the clouds of presents to see something other. I saw how the gifts were making an impact on real people. I saw gratitude. I saw people believing in humanity that meant that someone would care. At a time when gifts can get in the way of a true celebration of Christmas, I saw how gifts could make a difference. I wondered if I saw the gift of Jesus in presents. I had a new sense of hope and gratitude. Does Jesus make a difference in my life or do I look to earthly presents. Clouds make us look harder for the light. Maybe I have to look harder for the presence of Jesus at Christmas and all year long. Through those gifts as people started believing in people. God believes in us or He wouldn't have sent us His Son.

I woke up on that Tuesday morning expecting to see a comet. Celestial events always touch my heart. If I look even deeper, I can see how the event of Jesus' birth into our world warms the hearts of all the world. In this last week before Christmas, see through the clouds to see Him who brightens the world.

Have a blessed week and see you at Christmas. **Fr. Mark**

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week	
<u>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21</u>	
8:00 AM	Tony Brinkman
<u>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22</u>	
8:00 AM	
<u>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23</u>	
7:30 PM	Bill Cleemput
<u>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24</u>	
4:00 PM	Larry Klaus, Erma Wehri, Jiggs, Helen & Bob Unverferth, Urban Selhorst, Mel Unverferth, Beverly Siefker, L/D Gerding & Osterhage Families, Leanne Goedde Pardo L/D Albert & Alma Warnement Family Sandy Meyer, Healing for Adam Meyer, Courtney Ehrnsberger
8:00 PM	Jim Warnecke, Bill Cleemput, Don & Joyce Jerwers, Alvin Horstman, Mike & Phil Kahle Len & Dolores Bockrath, Cy, Cecelia, Nick & Loretta Vorst, Joyce Klausing, Marsha Lambert, Agnes Ulm (A)
11:00 PM	Jim, Gladys, Richard, Mark, Bob & Keith Unverferth, Jim & Angie Erhart, Larry Haselman, Bud Guisinger, L/D Robert & JoAnn Brinkman Family, L/D Joe & Mildred Buss Family, Paul, Valita & Kevin Lammers Bob & Deb Grote, Nolan & Irma Krouse Ron Kahle, Jr., Shawn Bailey, Carl & Mae Webken, Alfred & Marcella Ellerbrock, Gina Ellerbrock, Wilbert & Florence Otto, Bob Schimmoeller, Jerome & Ethel Bendele, Don Bendele, Lincoln Roebke, Gene Stechschulte Sandy Meyer and Healing for Adam Meyer
<u>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25</u> <i>Nativity of the Lord</i>	
9:00 AM	Marlene Verhoff, L/D Haselman Family Roger Buss, Tom Warnecke, L/D Tony & Bernadine Hoersten Families, Norbert & Belva Berelsman, L/D Alphonse & Frances Schulte Families, John Smith, Bill & Mary Lou Felkey, Ralph Honigfort, & Honigfort Family, Klara Frommherz, Leroy Warnement & Family, Esther, Randy & Jim Siefker, Hicks Family, Joyce Klausing Bob, Cleora & Stan Winkle, Jim Hamilton Craig McElwain, L/D Korte & Brickner Families, Helen Korte, Tony, Marie & Mike Langhals
<u>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26</u> <i>Holy Family</i>	
8:00 AM	Walter & Mary Vennekotter, Wilfred Hermiller, Monica & George Schmursal Fam.
11:00 AM	Ed Schroeder, Jerry & Dorothy Unverferth Vince Erhart



Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for
Courtney Ehrnsberger

was held on

Friday, December 17.

Please include Courtney

and her family

in your prayers.

Last Sunday's Collection \$ 10,718.71

Choir Assignments - Christmas
4:00: Youth **8:00:** Laura **11:00:** YAHS **9:00:** HN

Choir Assignments - December 26
8:00:YAHS **11:00:** Ashleigh

Thank You

Tom & Alice Brinkman would like to thank everyone for the cards and well-wishes on the occasion of their 75th Wedding Anniversary.

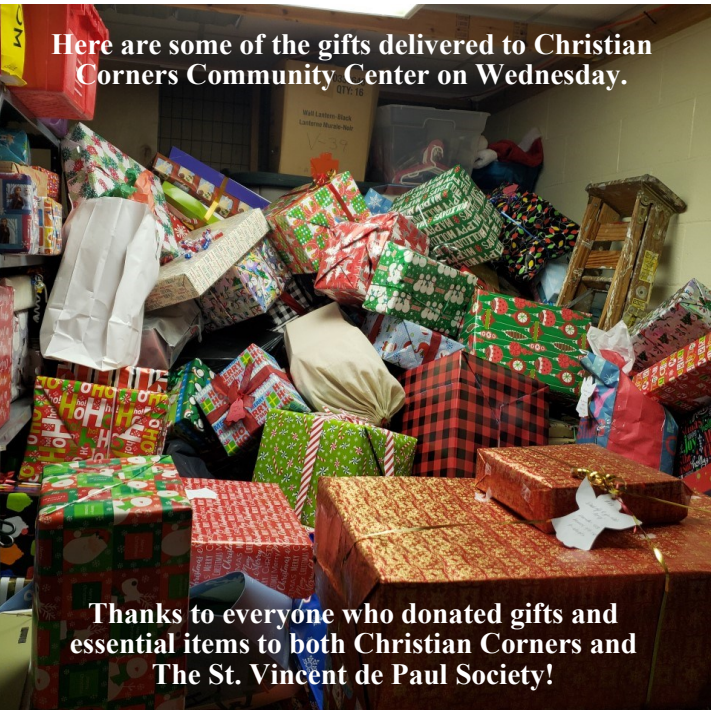
Recent Baptism
BAKER JAY KAHLE
Son of Brandon & Chelsea (Gerten) Kahle

Sophomore Retreat
January 16-17, 2022. This overnight retreat will be held at the Spiritual Center in Maria Stein. Please encourage your sophomore to join us. Please Register by January 7, 2022.

Retreat for Second Grade & Their Parents
Dragon Slayers Retreat for our second graders and their parents will be Sunday, January 30, 2022, from 1:00-3:30 p.m. in the church basement. This is required for preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion. A letter has been mailed to all the parents.

2022 Offertory Envelopes...
are in the back of church. **The envelopes will be taken out of church after this Sunday, December 19.**

Prayer Gathering for Women of All Ages
All women are invited to come together on Sundays at 7:00 p.m. in St. Michael's Church for support, encouragement and prayer. The next gathering is this Sunday, December 19. After December 19, the next gathering won't be until Sunday, January 2, 2022.



A Note About Christmas Masses from Fr. Mark
I would like to invite everyone to come to a Christmas celebration of Mass this year. With all the virus issues of the past year and those still happening now, there have been some people who have not attended Mass for a while. Know that you are welcome and are part of God's and our family. If you feel more comfortable at home till you feel safe, we support you and pray with you. We will broadcast all our Christmas Masses at both churches. But if you feel comfortable to attend, please come. There is much power in praying together and praising God together. Know we are together as one family if you can attend or pray at home with us. Check out our schedule and plan on attending. Maybe you can ask your neighbor this year if they would like to come to church with you. Looking forward to praying with you at Christmas. **Fr. Mark**

Christmas Flower Deadline is Today!
Area Penance Service
Monday, December 20, at Ottawa at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

No Students at Mass this Week or Next...
Their first week back as a class will be January 2.

High School CCD - Next Class Will Be...
January 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

This Week's Virtue is Respect
Respect means speaking and acting according to our own and others' rights, status, and circumstances. Ways to cultivate Respect is to be respectful in words and actions toward people, places and things; avoid sarcasm. Saints who modeled respect were St. Damien of Molokai, St. Frances of Rome and St. Catherine of Alexandria. Our prayer for this week is, *"Dear Jesus, help me to show respect to people who are in authority over me as I would to You. and help me give all persons the honor they deserve as Your unique creations."*

The First Reconciliation Parent Meeting...
is Tuesday, January 11, at 7 p.m. in church. First Reconciliation is Tuesday, February 1, at 7:00 p.m. The First Communion parent meeting is Tuesday, April 12, at 7 pm.

Bulletin Deadline
Because the offices will be closed between Christmas and New Years, the final bulletin for this year will be the Christmas bulletin. The next bulletin after Christmas won't be until January 9, 2022. So, if you need something in the Christmas bulletin, **the deadline is this Monday, December 20, at Noon.** Thanks.

Caroling Before Christmas Masses...

- *Begins at 3:40 p.m. before the 4:00 p.m. Mass*
- *Begins at 7:30 p.m. before the 8:00 p.m. Mass*
- *Begins at 10:25 p.m. before the 11:00 p.m. Mass*
- *Begins at 8:45 a.m. before the 9:00 a.m. Mass*

